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**New York State Bureau of Records of the War of the
Rebellion Abstracts of Muster Rolls for Substitutes
Unassigned to Any Unit During the Civil War B0813**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of printed abstracts that partially describe the military service of substitutes from New York who were mustered into service but never assigned to either a federal or a state unit. Information includes name; date and place of enlistment; age; length of enlistment; date mustered in; grade; birthplace; occupation; eye and hair color; complexion; height; congressional district number; and name and residence of the man who furnished the substitute.
Creator:	New York (State). Bureau of Records of the War of the Rebellion
Title:	Abstracts of muster rolls for substitutes unassigned to any unit during the Civil War
Quantity:	1 cubic foot
Inclusive Date:	1863-1865
Series:	B0813

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Arrangement

Alphabetical by last name.

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Administrative History

These abstracts were compiled pursuant to Laws of 1887 authorizing the Adjutant General "to procure copies of all military records relating to New York volunteers in the war of the rebellion, not on file in his office from the proper departments of the general government."

In addition the Adjutant General was "to establish as part of his office a bureau of records of the war of the rebellion, in which all records in his office relating to said war, and the records and relics of the bureau of military statistics shall be united and kept."

Although the exact collation date of these records is unknown they were probably produced during the same period when the abstracts for men who served in New York volunteer units, the United States and Marine Corps, or State Militia were being compiled. According to annual reports submitted by the chief of the Bureau of Records of the War of the Rebellion to the Adjutant General, this was between 1887 and 1907.

Under provisions governing the conscription of men into the army by the federal government during the Civil War, men who been drafted were allowed to procure substitutes to serve in their place. The designation "unassigned" refers to men who were located at various recruiting depots and stations when recruiting was ceased by the federal government; men who were permanently assigned duty at these depots and stations; and men who deserted at the depots or stations before being assigned to a unit or en route to their unit.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of unbound printed abstracts which partially describe the military service of substitutes from New York who were mustered into service but never assigned to either a federal or state unit.

Individual abstracts provide the following information: name; date and place of enlistment; age (in years); length of enlistment; date mustered in; grade; place of birth; occupation; eye and hair color; complexion; height; and Congressional and Sub.(?) District numbers. The form also contains a section dealing with how each man left the organization, but since these men were never assigned to a unit, this section always appears blank. Finally, the abstract contains a section entitled "remarks" in which the name and residence of the man who furnished the substitute is usually provided.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

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Reel list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available at the New York State Archives.

Microfilm: 2 reels; 35 mm.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Collation date ca. 1887-1907.

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Access Terms

- Military history
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- New York (State)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Collecting
- Armies
- Armed Forces
- Soldiers
- Military records
- New York (State). Adjutant General's Office
- United States. War Department
- New York (State). Military Department
- New York (State). Division of Military and Naval Affairs